

*Larry R. Tish, Mayor*



*Mary E. Magnus, Treasurer*

*Patricia L. Mathis, Clerk*

## A PROCLAMATION

**TITLE:** Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in the City of St. Elmo.

**WHEREAS**, City of St. Elmo finds that decent and safe housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Illinois residents; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals in the State of Illinois have the right to choose where to live without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age (40 and over), sex (including sexual harassment and pregnancy), familial status, marital status, national origin/ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, unfavorable military discharge, and order of protection status; and

**WHEREAS**, acts of housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are repugnant to a common sense of decency and fairness; and

**WHEREAS**, federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, fair housing is a positive community good; and

**WHEREAS**, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities and the State of Illinois are improved by diversity and integration; and

**WHEREAS**, stable, integrated, and balanced residential patterns are threatened by discriminatory acts and unlawful housing practices that result in segregation of residents and opportunities in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Larry R. Tish, Mayor of the City of St. Elmo, Illinois do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as

### “NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

in the City of St. Elmo to establish St. Elmo as an open and inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of St. Elmo.

**DATED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013.

  
Larry R. Tish, Mayor City of St. Elmo